

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
29TH AND 30TH MAY 2006
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation

Output 2.2.3: Workplace relations services

Question Number: W083-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 37:

As at the commencement of the financial year, was there any attrition or increase in staffing levels in OWS prior to its establishment as an agency

Answer:

The staffing levels in OWS were static across the first six months of 2005-06 at around 150 equivalent full time staff Australia-wide. There was no significant increase or attrition during this period. Additional staff were engaged in preparation for the establishment of the prescribed Agency. Recruitment commenced in February 2006.